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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A WASTE GAS CONTAINING FLUORINE-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9, 14 and 21 as follows:

9. (Amended) An apparatus for treating a waste gas containing fluorine-containing components, comprising:

a solids treating device for separating solids from a waste gas containing fluorine-containing components;

an addition device for adding to the waste gas leaving said solids treating device one of

(i) H₂ and/or H₂O, and

(ii) H₂ and/or H₂O and O₂